

# Utah Board of Juvenile Justice Minutes

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Utah Board of Juvenile Justice</b>
<b>Date</b>	Thursday June 26, 2014
<b>Time</b>	8am – 9:30 a.m.
<b>Location</b>	Utah State Capitol Complex, Senate Bldg., Copper Room
<b>Members Present</b>	Pat Berckman, Donovan Bergstrom, Scott Jackson, Spencer Larsen, Van Nguyen, Troy Rawlings, James Toledo for Shirlee Silversmith, Bill Russell for Pam Vickrey
<b>Members Excused</b>	Karen Crompton, Chris Crowder, Gini Highfield, Anthony Johnson, Nindy Le, Judge James Michie, Rachael Skidmore
<b>Members Absent</b>	Patrick Garcia, Brent Platt
<b>Staff</b>	Reg Garff, Jo Lynn Kruse, Cuong Nguyen Visitors:
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Welcome and Chair's Report</b>
<b>Notes</b>	<p>Spencer Larsen called the meeting to order in Karen's absence and welcomed everyone. Donovan Bergstrom made the <b>motion</b> to approve the May meeting minutes. Van Nguyen <b>seconded</b> the motion which <b>passed unanimously</b>.</p> <p>Spencer reported on the DTWT National Recognition in D.C. The group met with Jennifer Henderson from Senator Hatch's office, and with Senator Mike Lee, himself. Both students spoke to the senators and asked for their help on the issue of youth violence. Cuong and Reg were able to attend the recognition dinner this year for the first time.</p>
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>OJJDP/CJJ Conference Reports</b>
<b>Notes</b>	<p><b>OJJDP</b> – 1997 was the last year that regulations were updated. This year changes were made to the definition of the words "secure" and "detain". This may change the way monitoring is conducted and OJJDP may want states to begin monitoring youth who come into non-secure contact with law enforcement.</p> <p>Cuong noted that DMC was discussed for the first time. Highlights were talking about setting a standard to monitor DMC.</p> <p><b>Hill Visits</b> – Reg and three Board members, Gini Highfield, Shirlee Silversmith and Sheldon Spotted Elk were able to visit with all of Utah's congressional delegation. Reg changed the approach to be strength based, to show how we are able to address local problems with local solutions, using federal dollars.</p> <p><b>CJJ</b> – Van Nguyen reported that she learned a lot. Topics included transgender youth in the system, the school-to-prison-pipeline, cutbacks in resources, and things they hope to change (intervention, prevention and DMC issues). Presentations talked about moving restorative justice within the school systems. Van also attended the National Youth Committee where they discussed how to welcome more youth members in the committee and ways to better support youth members. One suggestion was to have a designated mentor for each youth member. CCJJ can pay mileage reimbursement to youth members but is prevented from paying for attendance.</p> <p>Reg noted that Senator Grassley may sponsor a bill reauthorizing the JJDP Act. Reg will give updates as necessary. The House budget cut some of what money remains in the JJDP Act. There is still no budget for 2015.</p> <p>Reg was the recipient of the <i>Tony Gobar Outstanding Juvenile Justice Specialist Award</i> this year. Each year CJJ recognizes and celebrates the accomplishments of its national award recipients. Nominated and selected by CJJ members, each recipient has made significant and inspiring contributions to the juvenile justice field at the local, state, and federal levels. Both this Board and the state of Utah can be proud of Reg's dedication and service to Utah's youth.</p>

	<p><b>FACJJ Feedback</b> – Reg referred to the <i>FACJJ Information Request 2014</i> in the meeting handouts and asked the Board to review it and send any comments to him by the end of next week, July 3<sup>rd</sup>.</p> <p>Reg added that there were some great sessions by the coalition. Topics included DMC, System Reform, How to frame arguments and How to better communicate. A suggestion was made to use the word “youth” more and “juvenile” less. There was also discussion on the PREA penalty to Utah for non-compliance.</p>
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Shackling Update/Discussion</b> (tape 52:00)
<b>Notes</b>	<p>Attorney Bill Russell spoke today, in Pam Vickrey’s absence, on the Shackling Pilot Project which was implemented May 7 through June 20<sup>th</sup>. Bill notes that the project went very well and without any incident whatsoever. On May 7<sup>th</sup>, guidelines were developed. Pam Vickrey and Bill Russell made sure the initial guidelines were very restrictive. Thirty three detained youth participated during that time and eleven of them sat unshackled next to defense council. Every one of them went without incident. Roughly another dozen qualified but were not unshackled because a second bailiff was not available. Another dozen did not qualify to be unshackled under the guidelines.</p> <p>The guidelines may need to be revised according to Judge Nolan. The Sheriff sent an email at the end of the program saying no more youth would be unshackled due to lack of manpower for the extra bailiff. The District Attorney and Judge were both okay with continuing the program but the Sheriff says no more until they get more funding. Judge Michie’s pilot program may start on Monday.</p>
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Grant Reviews</b> (tape 24:30)
<b>Notes</b>	<p>Pat Berckman made the <b>motion</b> to approve funding for the jail removal grant and the compliance monitoring grant. Troy Rawlings <b>seconded</b> the motion which <b>passed unanimously</b>.</p> <p>The Board received a letter requesting funding in the amount of \$7,500 for scholarships for the 2014 Northern Utah Gang Conference. Pat Berckman made the motion to approve \$4,000. Van <b>seconded</b> the motion which <b>passed unanimously</b>.</p>
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Home O &amp; A Report</b> (tape 1:10)
<b>Notes</b>	This agenda item moved to the August meeting.
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Letter Received from AOC and JJS</b>
<b>Notes</b>	A letter was received from the AOC and DJJS regarding their decision not to implement the cultural competency curriculum and the discussion that took place in the May meetings. The letter mentioned the many fronts both entities are involved in addressing DMC. The letter also cited the perceived “lack of commitment” from these entities by UBJJ and the DMC Subcommittee. The Board decided to respond to the letter by acknowledging their feedback, recognizing the collaborative work that is currently under way, expressing appreciation for our collaborative working relationship and that we are looking forward to working together in the future. The Executive Committee will work on a response.
<b>Next Meeting</b>	The next meeting is scheduled at 8:00 am, Thursday, August 21, 2014, Utah State Capitol Complex, Senate Building, Copper Room, Salt Lake City, Utah

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